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In re National Phase Application of )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INTERPOLATING DIGITAL SIGNAL ) Date: April 5, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings section of the specification as follows: Please note that specification amendments are presented below in their amended form. They are further presented as an Attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments to the specification are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

Change paragraphs 8-11 on page 8 as follows:

"FIGS. 8A-8C are explanatory diagrams showing the FFT operation of the DSP in FIG. 1;

FIGS. 9A and 9B are diagrams showing an embodiment of interpolating operation by a curve;